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Sir:

This is a response to the final office action dated May 2, 2006. This paper is set forth as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.